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# Turning Eyes into Ears

## Sermon Discussion Questions - January 1, 2023

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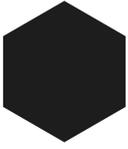
### Text

Romans 10:17; Psalm 40:6, 8; James 1:22; Hebrews 10:1–14; Jeremiah 20:9; Matthew 4:4; Matthew 13:13–17

### Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 13:13–17.
  - a. Why does Jesus say He speaks in parables?
  - b. Count the number of times Jesus uses the words “hear” and “see,” or variations of those words. What does the repetition suggest to you about hearing and seeing?
  - c. What kind of hearing and seeing does Jesus desire people have?
2. Read Romans 10:14–17.
  - a. What does Paul say about hearing? What purpose does it have in our lives?
  - b. What is important about hearing, especially when it comes to hearing “the word of Christ”?
3. How is reading different from listening?
4. Read Psalm 40:6–8 and James 1:22–25.
  - a. What relationship do you see between having an “open ear” and delighting to do God’s will?
  - b. What role does the heart play in hearing and obeying God?
  - c. How are faith and action related to one another?
5. We mostly read *written* words, so what does it mean to “hear by seeing”? What would it look like for you to pursue hearing by seeing in the new year?





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## Prayer

Heavenly Father, we want to be people who *see* and *listen*. Give us discipline to open Your Word so that we may see wonderful things. Help us to listen and to write Your words on our hearts. Grow in us the desire to be conformed to the image of Your Son, who loved us and gave Himself for us. Father, we cannot form eyes that hear or hands that act without Your aid. As we move into 2023, may Your Spirit nudge us toward reading, listening to, loving, and obeying Your Word. Amen.